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SUBJ: REQUEST BY GAO REVIEW TEAM FOR CERTAIN EMBASSY DOCUMENTS

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- 1. DURING THE REVIEW MADE BY THE GAO REPRESENTATIVES
 PURUSANT TO THE REFTEL, CERTAIN DOCUMENTS CONNECTED WITH RESPECT
 TO THE RTDO WERE REQUESTED AND PROVIDED. TWO SETS OF
 DOCUMENTS, HOWEVER, WERE NOT PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY, THE GAO
 REPRESENTATIVES BEING INFORMED AND ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE
 TO FORWARD THEM.
- 2. THIS WAS DONE BECAUSE THE EMBASSY BELIEVES PRIOR DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THE FIRST SET OF DOCUMENTS CONCERNS THE INSPECTORS' MEMO OF JUNE 1974, MADE AT THE TIME THE EMBASSY WAS INSPECTED. BASICALLY THE INFORMATION THE GAO REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONCERNS THE COMMENT MADE BY THE INSPECTORS ON THE RTDO OPERATION AND ITS RELATION WITH THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE. THIS WOULD BE ITEM 3 IN THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT, ENTITLED "OVERLAPPING COMMERCIAL ATTACHE'S OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE". IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATION NO. 63, ALONG WITH THE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO RECOMMENDATION 63. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION BUT, AS NOTED ABOVE, BELIEVES DEPT'S APPROVAL CALLED FOR.
- 3. SECOND GROUP OF DOCUMENTS CONCERNS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, DR. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOSTLER, CONCERNING THE RTDO OPERATION. INVOLVED WERE THE AMB-

ASSADOR'S LETTER OF JULY 11 TO DR. HOSTLER, AND DR. HOSTLER'S REPLY OF AUGUST 19, 1974, COPIES OF WHICH WERE SENT TO DAVID KORN, NEA/ARN, UNDER COVER OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 29, 1974.

A THIRD LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR TO DR. HOSTLER IS ALSO INVOLVED. THE LATTER CONCERNS THE SAME SUBJECT, AND IS DATED AUGUST 29, 1974. A COPY OF THIS LETTER ALSO WAS SENT TO DAVID KORN.

AS IS THE CASE WITH THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT, THE EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION. HOWEVER AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANOTHER DEPARTMENT IS INVOLVED, IT IS BELIEVED THAT APPROPRIATE CLEARANCE SHOULD BE OBTAINED.

4. THE DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE REQUESTED CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED DOCUMENTS. THEY ARE INTENDED FOR MR. FRANK A. DICKEY, U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, EUROPEAN BRANCH, AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, FRANKFURT, GERMANY, APO 09757.

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